

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 1:20CR290
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Plaintiff(s),	)	JUDGE PATRICIA A. GAUGHAN
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
BRANDON MICHAEL ALTHOF LONG,	)	<u>ORDER</u>
et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendant(s).	)	

This matter is before the Court on the joint unopposed motion filed by defendants Brandon Michael Althof Long and Devon Bryce Poland to grant a continuance of the trial and all other deadlines beyond the time limits established by the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §3161.

The Defendants have been named in an indictment alleging violations of Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 844 (h)(1) and (m), 2101 (a) and 231 (a)(2). Defense counsel have represented to this Court that a continuance is needed due to the following: 1) The length of trial likely exceeding the five-day limit in General Order No. 2020-08-3; 2) The risk a multi-defendant trial poses with reduced social-distancing abilities regarding the COVID-19 infection, and 3) The complexities and limitations posing a substantial burden on trial preparation.

Additionally, due to the international pandemic caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Ohio have declared a public

health emergency. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have urged the taking of drastic precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease. Clearly, this crisis impacts the health and availability of all participants necessary to the resolution of this case. See General Order 2020-08-3.

Given all of the above, it is unreasonable to expect adequate preparation within the time limits of 18 U.S.C. §3161. The failure to grant a continuance would likely result in a miscarriage of justice and would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by the granting of a continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and each defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. §§3161(h)(7)(A) and 3161(h)(7)(B)(i), (ii) and (iv). The aforesaid motion is granted.

Final Pretrial is continued to January 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Trial is set January 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Patricia A. Gaughan  
PATRICIA A. GAUGHAN  
United States District Court  
Chief Judge

Dated: 10/29/20